

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-27 and 34-36 are pending in this case. Amendments to Claims 16, 22, and 34-36, presented in the response of April 23, 2009, are requested to be entered by the presently filed Request for Continued Examination.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 16-27 and 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kolls (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,183).

Applicant respectfully addresses the remarks, at page 2 of the Advisory Action dated June 2, 2009, regarding the amendments to Claims 16, 22, and 34-36.

The Advisory Action states that the amended feature of “a displaying mechanism configured to display, **on a single body of the image forming apparatus** that houses image forming mechanisms including copying and printing mechanisms” finds “limited support” because “there is no explicit tie disclosed to any of the figures.” The Advisory Action further states that the amended features find adequate support if, for example, Fig. 15 is considered.

Applicant respectfully submits that, while MPEP § 2163.03(I) requires that claim amendments be supported by the originally filed disclosure, “explicit” support, which the Advisory Action appears to regard as the recitation of the same words, is not required.

As noted by the Advisory Action itself, Fig. 15 and the discussion thereof at paragraphs [0140] to [0143] of the published Specification, for example, provide sufficient support for the amendments. While “single body” or “main body” are not explicitly recited in the cited paragraph, the image forming apparatus 201 which is discussed and depicted is clearly as discussed at paragraph [0004] and, further, is readily understood by one of ordinary skill as a “single body...that houses image forming mechanisms including copying and printing mechanisms,” as recited by amended Claim 16, for example.

The Advisory Action also states that, even if the amended features find support, Kolls teaches the features with “a system 500 or VENDING MACHINE” and at column 23, lines 9-12.

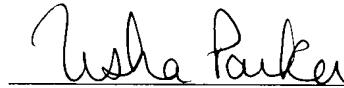
However, when the system 500 of Kolls acts as a vending machine, its deficiency with regard to the amended features of Claim 16, for example, is not “display, on a single body” but, rather, “**a single body of the image forming apparatus that houses image forming mechanisms including copying and printing mechanisms.**”

As depicted, for example, at Figures 3B, 3C, and 3D of Kolls, the system 500 may be attached to a copier and/or a printer and/or a scanner, etc., but the system 500 of Kolls, acting as a vending machine, does not teach or suggest “**a single body of the image forming apparatus that houses image forming mechanisms including copying and printing mechanisms,**” as recited by amended Claim 16, for example. Even if, *arguendo*, the system 500 attached to one of a printer, copier, or scanner represents a “single body” with that printer, copier, or scanner, Kolls fails to teach or suggest a single body “**that houses image forming mechanisms including copying and printing mechanisms,**” as recited by amended Claim 16, for example.

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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